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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 3 through January 7, 2024.

WEDNESDAY

01/03/24¹

DUTY STEWARD/ SATURDAY ENTRIES

Tom Ward will be on entry duty this week and also will be writing minutes. The entry process for Saturday went fairly well, as a nine race card was finalized around 4:00 p.m.

Ward and Steward Ron Church participated in a post-mortem review along with trainer Scott Willoughby, Dr. Alina Vale, and Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeffrey Blea.

THURSDAY

01/04/24¹

SATURDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL/ SUNDAY ENTRIES

Workout issues led to one horse being scratched from the Saturday card. #4 Aspirational only had one published workout after being off for over 60 days and was therefore declared from the fourth race. In race eight, #6 Amore for a Reason did not have a shed row examination within fourteen days of entry and was also declared.

The Los Alamitos panel met this morning, with one horse not passing muster. #1 Little Liliana had been racing in \$50,000 starter races and was dropped in for a \$2,500 claiming tag. The significant drop caused a major concern. There was also concern regarding the horse's physical condition. All trainers were made aware that their horses were scratched.

FRIDAY

01/05/24¹

SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL

The Los Alamitos panel met this morning to go over the Sunday card. While several horses raised areas of concern, there were no recommended scratches. Scratch time came and went with no issues other than a few rider changes.

SATURDAY

01/06/24¹

EARLY DECLARATION

3rd Race #7 Restless Rambler (Vet-injured) Refund of \$310.00

01/06/24²

RULINGS

Ruling #6

Jockey Juan Pablo Leon is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement), causing a late rider change in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 31, 2023.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Leon failed to get within the five pound overweight limit.

Ruling #7

Jockey Lido Barrientos who rode Evertoriano in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 31, 2023, is suspended for three (3) days (January 13th, 14th and 20th, 2024) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (d) (3) (Use of Riding Crop – Striking mount with the crop in the overhand position).

The above ruling was issued as Mr. Barrientos struck his horse with his crop in the overhand position while riding in a 1000 yard event. He was very apologetic, stating that he was unaware of the rule.

Ruling #8

Jockey Juan D. Lopez, who rode KO Olina in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 31, 2023, is suspended for three (3) racing days (January 13th, 14th, and 20th, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course leaving the starting gate, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to eighth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

This ruling was put out after the rider had viewed the first race from December 31, 2023, as his mount was disqualified for interference at the start. Mr. Lopez had a number of excuses, none of which held water. The bottom line was that he was very late in attempting to straighten his mount.

01/06/24³

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Panfilo Alegria was excused from his mount in the seventh race due to illness. A replacement rider was named.

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RIDER REMOVED

Jockey Juan Pablo Leon was once again removed from mounts this evening due to weight issues. He could not get within the five pound overweight limit in two races, with replacement riders having to be announced.

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THREE CLAIMS VOIDED

Official Veterinarian Gary Beck was kept busy this evening as three claimed horses were returned to their original trainers.

2nd Race #2 Jaycee – unsound – returned to trainer Jesus Uranga
 #7 Loud Fusaichi – unsound – returned to trainer Jesus Garcia
3rd Race #2 Mighty Matt – unsound – returned to trainer Angela Aquino

01/06/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	613	\$67,748.20
Off track	1,166	\$267,900.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,030,781.95
Total	1,779	\$1,366,430.65

SUNDAY

01/07/24¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #3 Paul Vincents Poem (Vet-injured)
 #7 Perfecto Amor (Vet-sick) Refund of \$222.90

01/07/24²

JOCKEY EXCUSED

Jockey Jesse Gonzalez was still ailing and was excused from his mounts this evening. Replacement riders were named.

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RULING

Ruling #9

Jockey Juan Pablo Leon is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1683 (Maximum Overweight), causing a late rider change at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 6, 2024.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Leon is still having weight issues and had to be removed from one of his mounts last evening due to being over the five pound limit.

01/07/24⁴

ACCIDENT/ INQUIRY/ DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review a spill going into the far turn. Observation of the race showed #3 Chasing Fame (H. Lopez) falling as the field approached the ¼ pole.

After reviewing video and interviewing the available riders, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #2 Dream Robber (E. Garcia) and #8 Equipo A (A. Aguilar) from 5th and 6th, respectively, to unplaced. The incident was rather complicated as neither of the horses disqualified altered course to a great degree. The rider of #4 Tom Bombadil, Lidio Barrientos, reacted to tight quarters along the rail and backed out of that position. Jockey Garcia reacted to Barrientos' move and shifted out slightly. At the same time, jockey Aguilar's horse switched leads and stepped in, bumping Chasing Fame onto the heels of Dream Robber and causing that horse to clip heels and fall.

Jockey Lopez was transported for observation, while his mount appeared uninjured.

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JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted following the ninth race as jockey Armando Cervantes (10th, #7 Cir Lady Moon) lodged a claim of foul against jockey Diego Herrera (3rd, #8 Nymphette) for interference at the mid-way point of the 400 yard race. Cervantes claimed that he was shut off and lost position. After speaking with the rider and

reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. While Cervantes did steady momentarily, it was felt that he was not cost a better finish position.

01/07/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	501	\$60,546.80
Off track	900	\$194,303.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,325,254.08
Total	1,401	\$1,580,104.28

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 7, 2024. There was one equine death to report this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 01/06	Sun 01/07	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	1	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			2	0	2	3
Disqualifications	K			0	2	2	3
Inquiries		D		0	2	2	3
Refunds		A		1	1	2	9
Rulings		Y		3	1	4	9
Voided Claims		S		3	0	3	4

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Ron Church, and James Dreyer were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward